



Proclamation

No. 8, Series 2021

Whereas, the City of Rialto, Rialto Unified School District, Healthy Rialto and Rialto Police Department are working together to promote Walk to School Day in Rialto; and

Whereas, the health and safety of our children is of the highest concern to the citizens of Rialto; and

Whereas, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children and being able to walk or bicycle to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and

Whereas, driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution at the beginning and end of each school day; and

Whereas, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian safety and become aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day and the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution; and

Whereas, community members and leaders should make a plan to make immediate changes to enable Rialto's children to safely walk and bicycle in our communities and develop a list of suggestions for improvements that can be done over time; and

Whereas, children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk to school and evaluate walking and bicycling conditions in their communities; and

Whereas, Walk to School Days have proven to be helpful in encouraging children to safely walk in the United States and throughout the world; and

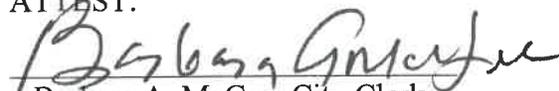
Now, therefore, I, Deborah Robertson, Mayor of the City of Rialto, along with the City Council, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 6, 2021**, as

"INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY"

and urge all students, parents, teachers, administrators, and schools to participate in these events, and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children this month and every month.


Deborah Robertson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Barbara A. McGee, City Clerk

Dated: September 28, 2021